

REMARKS

A. Restriction Requirement

As indicated in the Office Action at page 2, restriction of the invention claimed in this patent application was previously entered, and applicant elected, with traverse, to prosecute the invention defined in Claims 1-7. Applicant hereby affirms this election. Thus, Claims 8-10 are withdrawn from further prosecution in this patent application as drawn to a non-elected invention.

B. Amendments to the Specification

Amendments to the specification are made to correct informalities of a typographical nature. Applicant appreciates the courtesy of the Examiner in pointing out these informalities.

C. Rejections of Claims 1-4

In the Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 890,044 to Godbey. Claims 1-4 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,789,307 to Sussman et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,400,468 to DePetra.

However, Claim 5 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, all of the limitations of Claim 5 have been

incorporated into Claim 1 upon which Claim 5 was dependent. Claim 5 has been canceled.

Claims 6-7 were indicated as being allowable in the Office Action. Thus Claims 1-4 and 6-7 in this patent application should now be in condition for allowance. Early allowance is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

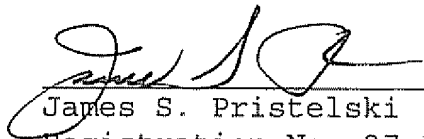
In view of the amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

No additional fees are believed due. However, if there is a determination that additional fees are due, such fees may be debited to our deposit account number 50-1039.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to further discuss this Amendment or any other matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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